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In re Application of
McKenna, Pelletier, Russell, Signor, Ferree, and Holohan
Application No.: 10/065,730
Filed: November 13, 2002
Attorney Docket No: 57761.000150
For: INTERACTIVE METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
FACILITATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPUTER
SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS

DECISION ACCORDING
RULE 47(a) STATUS

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed June 23, 2003.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

The above-cited application was filed on November 13, 2003, without an executed oath or declaration. Accordingly, on December 23, 2002, a Notice of Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application was mailed indicating that a properly executed oath or declaration was required along with a surcharge for its late filing. The notice also required replacement drawings be filed. The notice allowed a two month period for reply and indicated that extensions of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) were available. On June 23, 2003, petitioner filed a response that included the executed declarations for all named inventors, except inventor Russell and a request for an extension of time within the fourth month. A Notice of Incomplete Reply was mailed on August 19, 2003, indicating that an oath or declaration for inventor Russell had not been received. Given the contents of the reply filed June 23, 2003, it is believed that the Notice of Incomplete Reply was sent in error; the Notice of Incomplete Reply is, therefore, vacated.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has constructively refused to join the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the addresses given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

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